UTTAR PRADESH

Administration: The Office of the State Archives, Uttar Pradesh previously known as the Central Record Office was established on temporary basis in 1949. It became permanent with effect from 1 April, 1956. It is under the administrative control of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Scientific Research, Uttar Pradesh Government. The posts of Keeper of Archives and Assistant Keeper-cum-Administrative Officer have been redesignated as Director and Assistant Director-cum-Administrative Officer, Uttar Pradesh State Archives respectively with effect from December 5, 1973. A Regional Archives and a Manuscript Library have been established at Allahabad since July 12, 1973 and Dr. S.N. Sinha, the then Assistant Keeper-cum-Administrative Officer has been appointed as Regional Archives Officer, Allahabad on ad hoc basis. Sri Rajendra Bahadur was appointed as Assistant Director-cum-Administrative Officer on ad hoc basis with effect from December 18, 1973, Sri G.N. Pandey, Technical Assistant (Sanskrit) has been given charge of manuscript Library, Allahabad. The total number of the posts in the Uttar Pradesh State Archives on March 31, 1974 was 60.

Provision has been made in Fifth Five Year Plan to establish some more Regional Archives at various headquarters of the Divisional Commissioners.

Budget: During 1973-74, the original provision on the non-plan side was only Rs. 1,71,300.00 but the actual amount spent came to Rs. 2,26,011.00. A sum of Rs.68,429.00 was spent during the same period on the plan side as against the budget provision of Rs.68,500.00. During 1974-75, a sum of Rs. 2,71,500 has been provided on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs. 1,20,000 on the plan side.

Building: The office of the State Archives has been shifted from Allahabad to Lucknow in July 1973 in its own new building at B-44, Mahanagar Extension, Lucknow-6. The building is equipped with modern archival amenities. Sufficient land exists for its further extension.

Record Management: Files and volumes of the various Departments of the Secretariat kept in the Secretariat Record Room, Lucknow were examined and 5,127 volumes and 1,892 files were listed and transferred to the State Archives for permanent preservation. 1,19,56 volumes, 14,665 files, 190 bundles and bastas were restored properly after regular checking, 265 volumes of old gazettes were classified and arranged.

Preservation of Records: 1,945 volumes and 825 files were fumigated by Thymol and Paradichlorobenzene in fumigation chamber. Naphthaline bricks were put on racks. 11,360 volumes, 14,510 files, 555 bundles and 200 bastas were cleaned by vacuum cleaners and by hand dusting. 7,602 sheets of records were flattened, 425 sheets repaired with tissue paper and chiffon, 7,177 sheets repaired with lamination machine, 400 sheets guarded, 12,306 sheets stitched, and 92 volumes bound.

Research and Reference: 24 Research Scholars consulted the records of the Archives, 4,677 files, 561 volumes and 28 bundles were taken out for research purposes and restored after consultation.

Reference Media: List of records of the Education, Police, G.A.D., Reforms, Industries, Information, Municipal, Political, Medical and Sanitation, U.S.G., Appointment, Municipal Judicial-Civil, Judicial-Criminal, Cooperation, Agriculture, Sanitation and Public Health, Forest, Legislative, Scarcity, Miscellaneous,

~~Judicial~~, Separate Revenues Excise Stamp Finance(-)(B)(C)(G) were prepared. Detailed inventories of 2,743 records were prepared.

Publication Programme: Two publications viz. Mughal Farmans (Vol.I) and Female Infanticide in North West Province and Oudh were under print.

Library: 639 books were purchased and 6 books obtained on exchange basis.

Training in Archives-Keeping: Provision has been made to start a two-week training course in Archives-Keeping.

Other Important Activities: Dr.K.P. Srivastava, Director, inspected the records relating to Mainpuri Conspiracy case housed in the court of District Judge, Mainpuri. He also inspected the Shibli Academy, Azamgarh and Bharat Manisha, Varanasi. Records of Fatehpur Collectorate and Commissioner Office at Allahabad were inspected by the Regional Archives Officer.

Dr. K.P. Srivastava, Director, Uttar Pradesh State Archives, gave two Radio talks on - (1) Responsibility of the preservation and maintenance of records and manuscripts (in Hindi) and (2) Importance of Archives (English).